Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting August 2, 2016

Selectmen in attendance: Lynn Sweet, Chairman and Bryant Scott

In attendance: Judy Dupré, Elizabeth Evans

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:27PM.

The Board reviewed and authorized payroll and payment of bills. Minutes from July 19th Selectmen's Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Several timber related matters were reviewed and approved including a warrant for Yield Tax, an Intent to Cut Timber, and timber values for timber operations occurring from April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.

The Selectmen signed a request for an extension in the MS-1 filing with the State.

Board members reviewed and signed assessor recommendations for land use change tax on 4 properties.

A few matters pertaining to the beach operations were discussed. Entrance to the beach area is only through the Water Street gate. It has been difficult to secure the gate onto the beach on Province Road for some time now. The Selectmen requested that the gate be secured once again and signage posted indicating that it is to remain closed 'Per Order of the Selectmen'. The Selectmen will grant a waiver to the Town's policy on the use of the beach by groups of 7 or more during operating hours to Gina Hodgdon who operates a day care facility in Town. She provides care to Strafford children and has adequate staff who are trained in waterfront safety. The Selectmen's Office notified Ms. Hodgdon by phone of their decision and will inform the beach manager likewise.

The Selectmen's office with work with the manager of the Recycling Center to post signage restricting the "picking" of items from the metal container. Recycling Center stickers will be distributed to Town residents and routinely checked at the Center to restrict nonresidents from using the facility.

The Selectmen briefly reviewed a proposal by the Garden Club to beautify the area along the back side of the dam. The Garden Club is working with NHDES to complete this project.

The situations of 2 properties with tax liens were reviewed. Suggestions were made and discussed for correspondence and new payment arrangements to help them "catch up".

Personnel in the tax collector's and town clerk's offices will be attending certification classes and conferences in the near future. Coverage for the 2 offices in those instances was discussed.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Bryant Scott to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 6:21PM.

A motion was made by Bryant Scott to leave non-public session and seconded by Lynn Sweer to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

Public session reconvened at 6:29PM.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Bryant Scott to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

Some thoughts were shared about the maintenance of Evans Mountain Road. No decisions were made.

Liz Evans reviewed with the Board members the minor changes to be made in the Town's tax maps this year. The Selectmen signed the yearly contract with CAI Technology, who does the mapping for the Town.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:38PM.